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CHINESE MOTOR CYCLES IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much awaited Chinese two-wheelers are yet to be launched in Indian roads;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that most of these bikes do not meet Indian emission norms; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard and the steps taken to safeguard the interests of domestic industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)to(c) Imports of two-wheelers including motorcycles/bikes, as classified under Exim Heading 87.11 in ITC(HS), are freely importable. However, imports of these items are subject to the compliance of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and rules made thereunder.

After removal of the quantitative restriction with effect from 31.3.2001, specific conditions like testing, homologation etc. have been imposed on the import of automobiles including two-wheelers/motorcycles. Besides, all imported products have to conform to standards prescribed for like domestic products. Products not conforming to these conditions and standards including emission norms are not allowed for imports.